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On April 26, 2005, the Board of Supervisors directed the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) to immediately implement recommendations to alleviate the overcrowding of the County's four psychiatric emergency departments. The CAO committed to work with the Departments to identify funding to carry out these recommendations. Recognizing that DMH faces a projected \$30 million deficit, the CAO is proposing \$10.9 million of one-time funds to implement these recommendations. The Board should ensure that these funds are dedicated to the decompression of the County Hospital's Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES).

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the CAO to transfer the \$10.9 million in proposed one-time net County cost funding from DMH to Provisional Financing Uses and that the CAO and DMH return to the Board with a plan for the use of this funding for the purchase of additional inpatient and residential beds to decompress our psychiatric emergency departments, if needed.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that DMH and the CAO identify future funding for the provision of psychiatric emergency services and report back to the Board within 90 days.

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